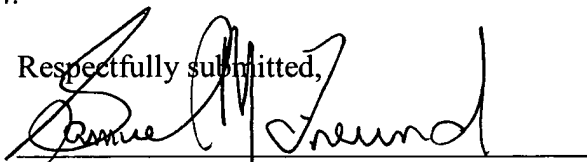


**Remarks**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment prior to examination. No new matter has been added by this addition.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel M. Freund", is written over a horizontal line.

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